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Application No.: 08/529,767

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the enclosed IDS Form PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents, non-patent literature documents, and other documents are enclosed. Copies of the U.S. patents and patent publications are not enclosed.

Certain listed documents are copies of documents filed in Interference No. 105,320. Interference No. 105,320 is an interference between U.S. Patent No.

6,410,277 ("the '277 Barnes patent") and the present application, U.S. Patent Application No. 08/529,767 ("the '767 Sorge application"). The '277 Barnes patent is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/483,535, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/021,623, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,436,149 ("the '149 Barnes patent"). The '767 Sorge application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/197,791, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,556,772 ("the '772 Barnes patent").

Certain listed documents are copies of documents filed in Reexamination Nos. 90/006,571 and 90/007,004 ("the Reexaminations"). The Reexaminations are merged reexaminations of the '772 Barnes patent. Because the Reexaminations are merged, applicants have only filed a single copy of documents that were filed in duplicate in the merged reexaminations.

Also, among the documents filed in the Reexaminations are the Declaration of Joseph A. Sorge Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(d), the Declaration of Rebecca Mullinax, the Declaration of Ronni L. Sherman, and the Declaration of Denise Wyborski. Exhibits 1 to 69 of the Declaration of Joseph A. Sorge Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(d) are the same as Exhibits 1 to 69 of the Declaration of Rebecca Mullinax and Exhibits 1 to 69 of the Declaration of Ronni L. Sherman. Also, Exhibits 1 to 9 of the Declaration of Joseph A. Sorge Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(d) are the same as Exhibits 1 to 9 of the Declaration of Denise Wyborski. Because those exhibits are the same, applicants have submitted the Declaration of Joseph A. Sorge Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(d) with Exhibits 1 to 69 in this IDS, but have submitted the Declaration of Rebecca Mullinax, the Declaration of Ronni L. Sherman, and the Declaration of Denise Wyborski without exhibits.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

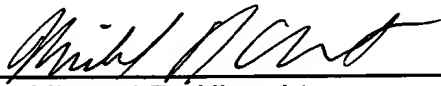
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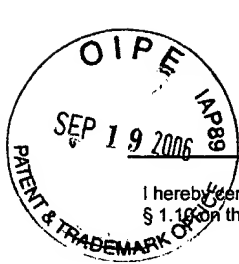
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		Lawyer et al., "High-level expression, purification, and enzymatic characterization of full-length <i>Thermus aquaticus</i> DNA polymerase and a truncated form deficient in 5' to 3' exonuclease activity," <i>PCR Methods and Applications</i> , 2:275-287 (1993).	
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		The Stratagene Catalog, Gene Characterization Kits, p. 39 (1988).	

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		Supplementary Preliminary Amendment filed July 18, 2003.
		Office Action mailed February 14, 2006.
		Response including Declaration of Joseph A. Sorge and Rebecca L. Mullinax Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, filed July 14, 2006.
		Office Action mailed August 16, 2006.

OTHER DOCUMENTS (from U.S. Patent Application No. 11/230,945, filed on September 19, 2005)		
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		Request for Additional Decision , filed by Morrison and Foerster on June 10, 2003.	
		Letter Submitting Copy of Request by Takara Bio Inc. for Leave to Participate in this Reexamination as a Partial Assignee (Co-owner) and other Takara Bio Inc. Submissions filed August 18, 2003.	
		Information Disclosure Statement by Takara Bio Inc. as a Partial Assignee (Co-Owner) and Form PTO 1449, filed by Fish and Richardson P.C. on January 22, 2004.	
		Decision Returning Petition mailed January 30, 2004.	
		Decision Returning Petition received February 5, 2004.	
		Decision Returning Improper Paper mailed February 6, 2004.	
		Office Action in Ex Parte Reexamination mailed March 10, 2004.	
		Amendment filed May 10, 2004.	
		Decision Merging Reexamination Proceedings mailed August 19, 2004.	
		Office Action in Ex Parte Reexamination mailed December 20, 2004.	
		Response, including copy of Declaration of Joseph A.. Sorge and Rebecca L. Mullinax Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 with Exhibits A & B; copy of Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, and copy of Eli Lilly v. Board of Regents of the University of Washington, filed February 22, 2005.	
		Office Action in Ex Parte Reexamination mailed March 28, 2005.	
		Response with copy of Louis v. Okada, filed May 31, 2005.	
		Copy of Declaration of Joseph A. Sorge Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(d), with Exhibits 1-69, filed May 31, 2005.	
		Copy of Declaration of Rebecca Mullinax, without Exhibits 1-69, filed May 31, 2005.	
		Copy of Declaration of Ronni L. Sherman, without Exhibits 1-69, filed May 31, 2005.	
		Copy of Declaration of Denise Wyborski, without Exhibits 1-9, filed May 31, 2005.	
		Copy of Declaration of Erikka Breedlove filed May 31, 2005.	
		Notice of Intent to Issue Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate mailed September 26, 2005.	
		Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3) to the Director in Person Requesting Withdrawal of Improper Notice of Intent to Issue Reexamination Certificate submitted by Takara Bio, with Exhibits A-H, filed by Morrison and Foerster on October 18, 2005.	
		Decision Dismissing and Returning Petition mailed December 22, 2005.	
		Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 Requesting Withdrawal of Improper Notice of Intent to Issue Reexamination Certificate submitted by Takara Bio, with Exhibits A-H, filed by Morrison and Foerster on January 4, 2006.	
		Decision Dismissing and Returning Petition mailed January 30, 2006.	
		Copy of Letter to John M. Whealan, Esq., Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property Law and Solicitor at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, dated February 8, 2006, with Exhibits A to D.	
		Office Action in Ex Parte Reexamination mailed March 23, 2006.	
		Response, including copies of Pall Corp. v. Micron Separations, Inc. and Declaration of Wayne M. Barnes dated May 27, 1994, filed May 23, 2006.	
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		Comments on Statement of Reasons for Patentability and/or Confirmation filed August 16, 2006	
		Petition Under 37 CFR. §§ 1.181 and 1.183 Requesting Withdrawal of Improper Notice of Intent to Issue Reexamination Certificate, with Exhibits A to I, filed by Morrison and Foerster on September 8, 2006.	
		Copy of Letter to John M. Whealan, Esq., Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property Law and Solicitor at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, dated September 14, 2006, with Exhibits A to I.	

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		Request for Reexamination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.510 with Exhibits A-K, filed by Morrison and Foerster on April 9, 2004.	
		Notice of Reexamination Request Filing Date mailed April 28, 2004.	
		Notice of Assignment of Reexamination Request mailed April 28, 2004.	
		Order Granting/Denying Request for Ex Parte Reexamination mailed May 28, 2004.	
		Amendment filed September 2, 2004.	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Stratagene v. Takara Bio, Inc. (Barnes v. Sorge) Interference No. 105,320)			
		Declaration-Bd.R. 203(d) mailed October 12, 2005.	
		Sorge Clean Copy of Claims filed October 26, 2005.	
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		Seventh Stipulated Extension of Time filed May 24, 2006.	
		Barnes's Request for Entry of Adverse Judgment mailed June 12, 2006.	
		Judgment - Request for Adverse - Bd.R. 127(b) filed June 22, 2006.	
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